

- PASSED - Dyslexia Identification and Support – Action: Support - HB 187 - the Ready to Read Act - passed both chambers on March 22nd and was signed by the Governor on April 2nd. The legislation requires the Department of Education to develop a dyslexia toolkit and school districts to have policies for identifying and supporting students with dyslexia, specifically those in kindergarten through grade 3. The Committee sent a Voter Voice Action Alerts during negotiations on the bill asking members and friends to call their legislator to support the bill.

- o More Info: For more information on dyslexia: Southern Regional Education Board- Dyslexia and International Dyslexia Association. This issue was raised in the Prichard Committee Excellence with Equity: It's Everybody's Business, Achievement Gap Study Group Report (2016).

- o Key Message: HB 187 would move Kentucky forward in identifying and providing services to children with dyslexia. It is critical that children can read at grade level by the third grade at which time "learning to read" transitions to "reading to learn." We must support are struggling learners in order to close achievement gaps and ensure all students have the opportunity to achieve at the highest levels.